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Patent Application No. 09/975,220

For: VERTICAL SKEIN OF HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANES AND METHOD OF MAINTAINING CLEAN FIBER SURFACES WHILE FILTERING A SUBSTRATE

TO WITHDRAW A PERMEATE Filing Date: October 11, 2001 Applicant: MAHENDRAN et al.

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